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RE: GE LABELING

A government agency has the responsibility of informing and protecting the public. This is the basic reason the FDA was formed. I am asking you to continue that purpose, and along with other required by law label facts, to require and enforce GE ingredients be clearly announced on the labels of products to be sold retail and wholesale.

I have already experienced an allergic reaction to a brand of TOFU I eventually discovered was genetically engineered. Me being a very healthy person not prone to allergies.

It has been proven that most Americans, once informed on this issue, choose NOT to purchase GE products.

Not only am I concerned with health and nutrition issues but for the protection of agriculture and the environment.

Spain already requires any company planting GE crops carry a multi-million dollar insurance policy because these GE crops will eventually be carried off into other agriculture nearby. Then we would have worldwide GE crops with no choice in the end.

I personally see that scenario as catastrophic.

The claim of "More Nutrients"? Too much Vit. A causes jaundice.

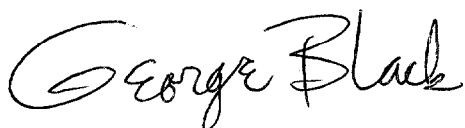
It is not the purpose of the FDA to assist in the marketing of questionable food ingredients. I will not hold back here and as I see it a few corporate heads are trying to save the billions and their careers on a failed and very dangerous project that could cause irreparable damage to agriculture worldwide.

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At 46 years of age I have seen more than a few items slip onto the shelves only to be recalled after some unfortunate effect. Enough said.

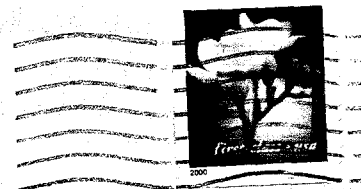
I expect the FDA will make the correct evaluation in this matter choosing to protect and serve the american public. I thank you for your time and attention to this very important issue before us all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Black". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

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